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After Ford came the conflagration on Bergen, Norway.

We demand to see General Jose Rodriguez' fingerprints before we believe the Villa bandit has gone where bad Indians become good.

The faith which President Wilson has in Carranza has not yet moved any mountains—or killed many American-slaying bandits.

Russia has placed an order in the United States for 32,000 machine guns. If the United States government should order 32,000 machine guns for its own protection what a cry of horror would go up from the pacifists!

When Dartmouth students become proficient in the handling of firearms and execution of intricate military movements, they might come over into Vermont and meet the "armies" of Norwich and the University of Vermont in another siege of Salomiki. Practical demonstrations like this would count much toward efficiency.

The two Colby youths of Wilmington, who walked nearly 80 miles in order to attend the Older Boys' conference in Rutland recently, will without doubt retain rather vivid memories of the conference, for they earned whatever of good they secured out of the sessions. Their feat was an undertaking which few would attempt—even sturdy Vermont youths.

Both the Vermont colleges which are enrolled in the national rifle shooting championship among colleges made creditable showings in the first week of the annual tournament, Norwich university in particular doing splendidly and finishing in a deadlock with Massachusetts Agricultural college for fourth place, only seven points below the winner. The University of Vermont was 12th in what is known as Class A, the best shooting teams among 39 colleges.

Italy is becoming a large household; it now furnishes a refuge for two kings while at the same time occupied by its own ruler. King Peter of Serbia and King Nicholas of Montenegro are said to have secured quarters in the peninsula nation and to have set up their governments. Otherwise, Italy is not playing a very important part in the great war at the present time, for the operations on the Austrian frontier have not of late kept a large section of the Austrian forces away from other fronts in which they are engaged with the entente powers.

It was very fortunate that the progress of the flames was stayed in the new high school building at Bennington last Sunday night before they had done irreparable damage to the handsome structure, a building which had been occupied less than 14 months. The municipal corporation had gone to great expense to provide an adequate building, and the loss thus early sustained will be felt as a severe setback. However, Bennington is one of those Vermont towns which have the faculty of recovering from serious handicaps and, therefore, will not be slow to restore its high school building to the former conditions.

We are accustomed to hear of the comparative immunity of European cities from conflagrations, in contrast to the inflammability of American cities which are constantly going up in huge puffs of smoke; yet we are now afforded an event which overturns the former notion in the partial destruction of the tangible part of Bergen, in Norway. One-third of the city was swept away, including a large part of the business activities of the community. However, Bergen was itself somewhat of a contrast to many other large European cities inasmuch as a considerable part of its building construction was of wood, and very old at that. For instance, one would hardly expect Aberdeen, Scotland, to be visited by any sizeable conflagration because of the fact that all its buildings are constructed of granite and, therefore, offer great resistance to the spread of flames. Therein lies a decided advantage of a stone city.

## BARRE'S BUILDING OPERATIONS.

While Barre's house building operations during the past year were by no means up to the record of the so-called "boom period" of the 90's when the very large influx of stonecutters necessitated a great deal of construction, the record of 1915 was nevertheless fully up to the average of the past decade and furnishes ground for the conviction that Barre is steadily going ahead—a conviction which is strengthened by the knowledge that there is a shortage of the renting properties of the better class of construction. The new families coming into Barre complain that it is practically impossible to secure a lease of houses such as will meet their desires; and some of them are forced to be content for the time being with houses which fall far short of their expectations. This, coupled with the fact that there are not many idle tenements of any class, is gratifying assurance indeed, and it offers encouragement to the belief that construction work of



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## MIDDLESEX

Miss Gladys Burnham, who has been quite ill, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Miles and two sons were guests of friends in St. Albans Sunday.

William Hudson is ill with grippe.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be held in Holden hall on Saturday evening.

T. E. Price, who has been confined to the house on account of illness, is better.

George Smalley is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Comstock were in Richmond Saturday to attend the funeral of his mother, Madam Fay.

Mrs. Ella Egan was quite ill last week with grippe.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES

"The Spring Maid" at Barre Opera House Monday, Jan. 24.

The evolution of the musical play which has led in two decades from the charming Gilbert and Sullivan operas and "Robin Hood" through a desert of tip-tap melodies and slapstick methods of fun, and finally grown again to the better things of true comic opera in "The Spring Maid," which will be seen at the Barre opera house on Monday evening, Jan. 24.

This newest of Viennese operettas with the tuneful melodies that have spread over the country to precede its coming visit has been praised in superlatives of critics as well as the theatre-going public. Its charm and melodious qualities have been welcomed eagerly as a work long awaited.

Of this opera the New York Evening World said: "Instead of taking the water cure for your ills, take the flowing melodies of 'The Spring Maid,' for in Reinhardt's score brought from Vienna without the loss of a single drop of its sweetness, you will find happiness that is akin to health and a spirit of youthfulness that would make your gaily old grandfather dance for joy. After 'Day Dreams' with its heart throb and it's delightfulness, 'The Merry Widow' waltz resolves itself into a funeral march—adv.

## Park Theatre.

To-day Paramount present Mary Pickford in that well-known play, "The Bishop's Carriage." Many patrons have requested this photoplay and we know it will please all. This is considered one of Mary Pickford's best plays and practically all theatres in the larger cities have played it several times. Matinees at 2:15 and 3:30. Evenings at 7 and 8:30. adv.

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## MONTPELIER

Case of Rosendo Cueto vs. U. Aja, Tried in City Court—Decision Reserved.

A civil case, Rosendo Cueto vs. U. Aja, a granite manufacturer, was tried in city court before Judge E. M. Harvey yesterday afternoon, but decision was reserved. The plaintiff, represented by A. C. Theriault, claimed that he loaned the defendant \$600 a year ago last December and on another occasion allowed him the use of four dollars. The defendant testified that he had never borrowed the money. W. N. Theriault appeared for the defendant and there were several witnesses examined.

Clarence D. Reames, clerk in the office of Manager Waters of the freight department of the Montpelier &amp; Wells railroad, went to-day to St. Albans on business.

Frank H. Tupper, for the past two years local baggage-master at the Central Vermont station, left this morning for Burlington, where he will assume his duties the last of the month as night station master at the new Central station.

C. F. Smith of Burlington was a business visitor in the city to-day.

W. J. Colville of London, Eng., and New York City, who was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Vermont Spiritual association recently held in this city, went this morning to Troy, N. Y.

In the city bowling league last night, the Bakers and Apollo club had an even break, each five gathering in two points. The Apollo club won one game by a big margin, enabling them to gather a second point with the highest total pin-fall. This evening the Bakers and K. of C. team met on the School street alleys.

The miniature forest which has existed in front of the municipal building since the week before Christmas, was yesterday destroyed by employees of the street department, the big tree which three weeks ago was ablaze with light and the smaller ones surrounding it, being carted away.

Walter H. Crockett of Burlington and Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction, arrived in the city this morning, the former to attend the annual meeting of the Vermont Historical society, of which he is an officer. During the afternoon they will meet President Carleton of the Vermont Sugar Makers' association and other officers, in regard to publicity matters.

Miss Hattie Peck of North street left this morning for Boston, where she will make a ten days' visit with relatives.

Leonard Lawless went to Burlington to-day on a brief business visit.

## WILLIAMSTOWN.

Death and Funeral of Mrs. Emma Staples Hutchinson, Native of Marshfield.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Staples Hutchinson, whose death occurred Thursday, Jan. 13, was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Staples on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 15. Rev. John Irons officiating. The bearers were two brothers, Deland and Don C. Staples, a brother-in-law, Warren V. Greason, and Henry Poole, and the burial was in the village cemetery. Emma Staples was born June 12, 1868, in Marshfield and was the oldest child of Charles C. and Mary (Dwinnell) Staples. She was married on March 27, 1888, to Elvin Hutchinson and six children were born to them, one dying in infancy and one, Forrest, died June 4, 1900, and the others are living. These are: Mamie (Mrs. R. H. Lovely) of Exeter, N. H., Frank H. of St. Paul, Minn., Lester E. of Weston, and Earl F. of Concord. Mrs. Hutchinson had made her home with her mother for the past 15 years and was living there at the time of her death. She was a member of the Congregational church, the Woman's Relief corps and the New England Order of Protection. She is survived by the two brothers mentioned above, a sister, Mrs. Greason, the children above named and her mother.

The men's chorus will meet with Mr. Jewett on Monday night, Jan. 24.

Rev. William N. Roberts has handed the scribe a newspaper clipping which quotes at some length from the journal of one John Lincklaen, who, as agent for the Holland Land company, traveled through the state in fall 1791, on 23 years ago. This traveler came into the state from Albany, N. Y., and from the record most of the Vermont trip was made on horseback. One paragraph reads as follows: "Saturday, Oct. 8th: We left Col. Davis's (in Montpelier) for Judge Paine's in Williamstown, 12 miles. The road was extremely bad and constantly ascending. In arriving at his house we found ourselves on top of the mountains. He had the kindness to ask us to stay in his log house which, though made of trees piled one on another, has every convenience that can be had in such a dwelling, a thing one rarely finds in these regions. The Americans often contenting themselves with living in the kitchen with their people."

The annual crop of ice is now being taken from Cutter pond and several men and teams are employed in cutting and hauling it to this village.

Lost—Between V. B. Savery's and the Clogston schoolhouse, a fish brand oil-skin carriage boot. Finder please notify R. E. Clogston.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends, neighbors and W. R. C. for their kindly assistance at the death and burial of our daughter and sister.

Mrs. Mary J. Staples,

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Greason

and family,

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Staples,

D. C. Staples.

## Board of Civil Authority.

The board of civil authority of the town of Williamstown are hereby notified and warned to meet for the purpose of assessing taxes and any other business that may come before said board at Williamstown on the 29th day of January, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Williamstown in the county of Orange this 13th day of January, A. D. 1916.

Glenn F. McAllister,

Town Clerk.

## GRANITEVILLE.

There will be a meeting of the English Socialist local of Graniteville on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, at 7:30 o'clock in basement of restaurant.

## EAST BARRE.

Regular meeting of Woburn tribe, No. 19, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Work, warrior's degree.

## EAST ORANGE

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dasher were in West Topsham Tuesday visiting relatives.

H. A. Prescott was a Bradford visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. James Rouhan is visiting her son, James Rouhan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cook of Orange were at Claude Clark's Tuesday. Mrs. Cook remained until Friday on account of the illness of Dorothy, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, who is better at this writing.

Dr. J. A. Dow of Bradford was called Monday to see Miss Abbie Hutchinson, who is ill with a case of chronic appendicitis. She was taken to the hospital at Barre Wednesday, where she underwent a successful operation, from which she is making good recovery, as all of her friends are glad to learn. She was accompanied to the hospital by her father, C. E. Hutchinson, and her aunt, Mrs. Ora Hutchinson.

Mrs. Dan Gilley and daughter, Bernice, visited friends here Thursday.

Harry Blake has been visiting his father, R. H. Blake, the past week.

Waldo Prescott was in Orange Friday, carrying his sister, Mrs. Fannie Cook, home.

Jerry Dasher was a Barre visitor Saturday.

Miss Myra Eastman has gone to Barre to spend the rest of the winter. Mrs. Charles Simpson carried her there Saturday and returned home Sunday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson has been quite ill with tonsillitis the past week, Dr. Hutchinson attending her.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corcoran visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Fellows in Waits River recently.

Glenn Hutchinson and Miss Laura Nye of Washington visited Miss Abbie Hutchinson at the City hospital in Barre Sunday.

Hylas Bowen has returned from his visit with friends in Laconia, N. H.

Arthur Prescott was in Bradford Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. G. H. Bohannon and daughter, Mrs. Charles Hull of Washington, recently visited Mrs. George Hutchins at East Barre.

Several from this place attended the drama, "The Deacon's Second Wife," given by the Orange Dramatic company at West Topsham Friday evening.

Lawrence O'Mera is ill with chicken-pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Trombly visited at Joseph Bisson's in Orange Sunday.

Archie Button and Mrs. Victor Colby of Corinth visited Mrs. Button at the Heaton hospital, Montpelier, the first of the week.

## LESS RURAL TYPHOID.

And Improvement in Sanitary Conditions Noted.

Reduction in typhoid fever and improvement in sanitary conditions have followed the intensive investigations of rural communities carried on by the United States public health service in cooperation with local and state health officers, according to the annual report of the surgeon general of that service. During the past fiscal year, 16,369 rural homes in eight different states were visited and many of them re-visited. In each of these homes information was obtained as to the prevalence of disease and insanitary conditions and a complete sanitary survey of the premises conducted. This was followed by reinforcements to determine if remedial measures had been instituted. In but a relatively small percentage of the cases did the persons concerned, after having their attention drawn to the danger of a particularly unhygienic condition, fail to institute corrective measures. Stimulus was given to the work by means of public lectures, the formation of active sanitary organizations, and the enlisting of all public spirited citizens in the campaigns for reform. Public buildings were also inspected and local authorities given expert advice in solving such sanitary problems as the disposal of excreta, the prevention of soil pollution, and the maintenance of pure water supplies.

The surveys made during the year 1914 had shown that in rural communities less than one per cent of the houses had sanitary toilets and that more than fifty per cent of the people were using water from polluted sources. This condition, according to the public health service, made the rural sanitation question loom large among these studies and as a result of the interest aroused, the typhoid fever rate, an excellent indicator of the sanitary status of a community, has in some places frequently been cut to one quarter of its previous figure.

In Berkeley county, West Virginia, the cases of typhoid fever were reduced from 249 to 46 in one year. In Orange county, North Carolina, the rural sanitation campaign resulted in a reduction of the cases from 59 to 17.

The tangible results of operations in rural sanitation indicate that marked advancement in maintaining hygiene and satisfactory surroundings in country districts is possible by the application

of the common principles of preventive medicine. Insanitary conditions exist largely because they are not known to be such. Actual demonstrations of their harmfulness, together with definite recommendations for their correction, remain one of the most gratifying and successful methods for instituting reforms and has been, in the experience of the public health service, invariably accompanied by definite and measurable results.

## CURRENT COMMENT

Von Papen and His Papers.

It is doubtful whether even Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, in his most generous mood of romantic fancy, would dream of attributing to one of his fictitious Von Papens the incredible stupidity which marked the recent performance of the real Von Papen. The gentleman calmly loaded his person—and loaded the safe conduct for his person which at the request of the German government the government of the United States procured as a matter of courtesy from the British government—with a mass of evidence incriminatory as to the very activities that were at the same time the occasion of his removal and the subject of solicitous inquiry by the American police. The British authorities properly seized this excess baggage and is turning it over to Washington. The incident is characteristic of the almost bovine inaptitude of many of the efforts and proceedings of German agents, both of secret service and of propaganda, in this country since the war began.

We are glad to speak here of the remarkable and perhaps unexpected contrast between the methods of the German agents and those of Great Britain in respect to efficiency, noiselessness and absence of offence to the American people. The comparison is wholly in favor of the government which might have been supposed to be less skillful in such activities.

There has been no evidence of any organized attempt either to cajole or to browbeat public opinion in the interest of the cause of the allies; at least no organized movement with a track leading back to diplomatic or official headquarters. The attitude of the British embassy and its personnel has been correct from the beginning to the present. There have been no known English analogues of Herr Doctor Dernburg, or of Herr Doctor Albert or of any of the other widely advertised head centres of Teuton proselytism or intrigue. How many people can remember even the names of the executive attaches of the British embassy corresponding in regard to legitimate functions with Captains Von Papen and Boyed?

As to the silence, swiftness, certainty and intelligence of detective operations, there is no comparison between the secret service of Germany and that of Great Britain.

The comment on the wisdom of this restraint and the superiority of the British methods of producing results is forcibly suggested when these results are comparatively considered from the American point of view.—New York Sun.

## A Regular Blockade.

In the absence of an official communication from London it must not be hastily assumed that the British government is about to reverse its policy of ruling the waves by orders in council, but there is apparently some reason to believe that the declaration of a regular blockade of the German coasts is seriously considered. The modifications and evasions of the old system, in regard to which international law is fairly clear and generally acknowledged, have not tended to appease the neutral countries for whose benefit they were said to have been made. Instead of making the ways of sea-borne commerce easier for America and other non-belligerents, the variations from the ordinary rule have caused misunderstanding, confusion and vexation, with delays and losses arbitrarily imposed by patrols and prize courts.

We might not find our export trade expanding and growing more profitable under the strict enforcement of an actual blockade, but we should feel it a relief to get away from the roundabout long distance plan, with its vague doctrine of ultimate destination, which has caused rather than allayed irritation. If Britain means to besiege Germany she can hardly hope to succeed without the declaration and maintenance of a real blockade. Conformity to law and efficiency of execution are the essentials. Given these, no nation can object. Is British sea power sufficient to establish such a siege? The Baltic has been the difficult door to close, but recent submarine activity there looks like shutting it. In the event of the German navy's being forced at last to attempt the opening of an entrance, the British navy would have to answer the challenge and give battle. That might be the final conflict. Thus a blockade might shorten the war. And then we should regain our rights in all the seas.—Boston Herald.

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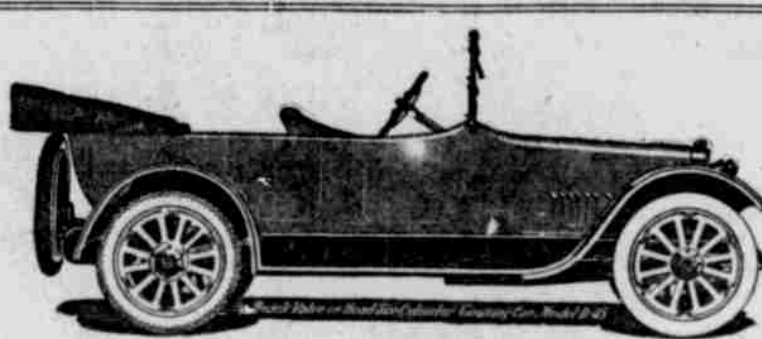
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